(d) if so, the measures taken to promote cashew nut industry in the last two years in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) Production of raw cashew nut in India is enough to meet the indigenous demand for cashew kernels. However, raw cashew nut is imported into the country as a raw material for exporting cashew kernels produced out of them.

(b) The raw cashew nut imported into the country for the last 2 years is as below :

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1999-2000	253577	1188.20
2000-01 (P)	249087	962.14

(P)—Provisional Source : CEPC

(c) The raw cashew nut production in Orissa during the year 2000-01 was 59,000 MTs as against the total Indian Production of 4,50,000 MT.

(d) Government of India through Cashew Export Promotion Council has been implementing schemes for modernization of cashew industry which include obtaining ISO 9000/HACCP Certification and acquiring latest packaging systems by Cashew Export Processing Units. Cashew Export Processing Units of any State including Orissa can avail benefit of these schemes.

Export of brass-goods

†2307. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the overall quantity of brass-goods exported during the last three years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned through it during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage the export of brass made goods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) and (b) The overall quantity

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of brass-goods exported and the foreign exchange earned thereon during the last three years is as under :—

1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
Qty in kgs.	Value in Rs. crores	Qty in kgs.	Value in Rs. crores	Qty in kgs.	Value in Rs. crores
6490325	122.87	6398615	122.50	6535452	120.74

(c) It is the endeavour of the Government to encourage exports of engineering goods including brass-goods. Measures to increase the export of engineering goods including brass-goods consists of various provisions under the Export-Import Policy including, *inter alia*, duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Duty Drawback Scheme, Exemption under Section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act, Assistance from Market Development Fund etc. Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) provides support through various activities with a view to promoting exports of engineering goods including brass-goods to various markets.

Further, with a view to boosting the export of Art Metal ware including brass art ware various steps have been taken by the Government which, *inter alia*, include participation in *International* fairs and exhibitions, sponsoring sales-cum-study teams abroad to explore overseas market opportunities, promotion through preparation of product catalogues of international standards, setting up of India Exposition Mart for round the clock international marketing.

Promotion of leather export

2308. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable fall in the export of leather from India and many foreign orders were cancelled;

(b) if so, the details of leather export made during the last three quarters as compared to corresponding periods of the last two years;

(c) the reasons for the shortfall and the cancellation of foreign orders; and

(d) the steps taken to boost leather export?